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Election of nine members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: biographical information on candidates

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The procedure for the election of members of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, as established in Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17, is outlined in document E/2014/9/Add.12. The list of current members is contained in the annex to that document.

2. In a note verbale dated 21 October 2013, the Secretary-General invited States parties to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights to submit their nominations for membership in the Committee within three months.

3. Biographical information on the candidates nominated by States parties to the Covenant is contained in the annex to the present note.

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Annex

Biographical information on candidates for election to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights[a]

Aslan Khuseinovich Abashidze (Russian Federation)

Relevant work experience

- 2010-present: Head of the Department of International Law, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia
- 2006-present: Director, Center for Innovations in Education and Legal Research, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia
- 2002-2006: assistant to the Member of the United Nations Subcommission for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights
- 2001-present: Professor, International Law Department, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (University) under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation
- 1998-present: Professor, International Law Department, Law Faculty, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia
- 1988-1998: Associated Professor, International Law Department, Law Faculty, PFUR

Professional activities

- 2007-2009: Member of the Working Group on Arbitrary Detention of the Human Rights Council of the United Nations
- 2010-present: Member, Vice-Chair of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Academic activities

- Author of more than 350 works on different regions of international law, published in the Russian Federation, Armenia, Azerbaijan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Georgia, Greece, Italy, Kazakhstan, the Republic of Moldova, Serbia, Ukraine, Switzerland, the United States of America, the Czech Republic, etc.

Main area of interest

- Human rights, rights of minorities and indigenous people, international humanitarian law, law of international organizations, law of treaties, diplomatic and consular law

[a] The longer version of the curriculum vitae of each candidate may be consulted on the webpage of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Curricula vitae are issued without formal editing.

Editorial and public activities

- Deputy chief editor: Mezhdunarodnoe pravo — International Law; member of editorial boards: Russian Yearbook of International law, Moscow Journal of International Law, Herald of the Peoples' Friendship University of Russia (series in law), Russian-Azeri Journal of International Law, Moscow Journal of International Law
- Head of the International Law Commission of the United Nations Association of the Russian Federation, member of the Executive Committee of the International Law Association (Russian branch); member of World International Law Association; member of the Central Council of the Foreign Policy Association
- Full member of the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences; member of expert council of international law of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Education

- 1995-1998: Doctorate, legal sciences, Law Faculty, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia
- 1989-1991: Master's programme, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law/Law Faculty, Lund University (Sweden)
- 1985-1988: Ph.D., Law Faculty, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia
- 1979-1985: Law degree, Law Faculty, Peoples' Friendship University of Russia

Languages

- Russian and Georgian: native
- English: fluent

Maria Virginia Bras Gomes (Portugal)

Date and place of birth: 10 March 1951, Goa, India

Working languages: English and French

Education

- Bachelor of Arts (English Special) (Bombay University)
- Diplôme d'études françaises (University of Toulouse)
- Salzburg Seminar Scholar at the 298th Session on Managing non-governmental organizations
- Four-month training in the field of social services in the United States of America, at the University of Western Michigan and community services

Professional activities

- Social Policy Adviser to the Director-General for Social Security
- Coordination of and/or participation in the preparation of reports on the implementation of international instruments (European Union, Council of Europe, United Nations). Coordination of and/or participation in interdepartmental and multidisciplinary groups on several aspects of policies and practices in the fields of social security, social protection, social development, social action and international relations
- Participation as national and international expert in conferences, seminars and meetings
- Ministerial appointments to carry out special missions

Activities in the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

(2007-2010 mandate)

- Co-rapporteur for General Comment 19 on the Right to Social Security
- Rapporteur for Revised Guidelines for national reports on the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Vice-Chair (2009-2010)

(2013-2014 mandate)

- Rapporteur of the Committee
- Co-rapporteur on the General Comment on Article 7 of the Covenant/Right to the enjoyment of just and favourable conditions of work (ongoing)

Current position(s)

- Senior Social Policy Adviser in the Ministry of Solidarity and Social Solidarity, Portugal

Training activities

- United Nations treaty body system; core human rights instruments; economic, social and cultural rights; women's rights and international cooperation for professionals in the Ministry of Labour and Social Solidarity, universities, human rights institutions and non-governmental organization training programmes
- Faculty Member Nottingham University Human Rights Law Centre Summer School (2008)
- United Nations Development Programme: Global Human Rights Community of Practice Meeting (2009)
- Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: Training on Reporting to the United Nations Human Rights Treaty Bodies (International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights) in Senegal and Cabo Verde (2010), the Gambia (2011), Burkina Faso (2012) and Angola (2013)
- Faculty Member Leadership Institute of the Programme for Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in 2011, 2012 and 2013

Presentations, papers and articles

Presentations and papers on various aspects of economic, social and cultural rights, and socioeconomic policies and practice. Among the more recent:

- From non-discrimination to substantive equality: the ongoing challenge (2012)
- Inclusion strategies in times of democratic transition: the Portuguese experience (2012)
- Challenges for the promotion and protection of the rights of older persons (2013)
- Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights — Strengths and challenges (2013)
- Addressing inequalities and discrimination, in the context of the International Forum for the Operational Review and Appraisal of the Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014

Selected articles

- The Future of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and Individualization and the Crumbling of the Welfare State, published by Palgrave Macmillan
- Human Rights and Development: the two sides of the same coin, published by Iboorberg Verlag GmbH & Co, KG
- Multicultural Europe: combating racism and intolerance, published by the French National Consultative Commission for Human Rights
- Discrimination, Mega-development and Conflict: the insurmountable triangle, published by Duncker and Humblot
- Right to Work and Rights at Work: gender implications (awaiting publication)

Membership

- Board of Trustees of the European Roma Rights Centre Foundation
- International Board of the Programme on Women's Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- High-level advisory group on de-institutionalization of the European Social Network
- Board of the Portuguese Committee of the United Nations Children's Fund
- National Committee for Human Rights (Portugal)

Laura-Maria Craciunean (Romania)

Date and place of birth: 17 March 1978, Sibiu, Romania

Working languages: English, French and Spanish

Education

A. Main education

- **Postdoctoral studies in law** (2013), Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania — Subject matter of my post-doctoral research: The international protection of cultural rights and cultural diversity
- **Ph.D. in law** (2008), Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania
- **Post-university studies in law** (2002), Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania
- **Bachelor of law** (2001); Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Romania

B. Additional courses/education

- **Visiting fellow/researcher** (2012), Amsterdam Center for International Law, University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Law, the Netherlands
- **Member of the research group on Cultural Diversity** (2009), The Hague Academy of International Law, Centre for Research in International Law and International Relations, The Hague, the Netherlands
- **Research and documentation stages** at: **1.** Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, Heidelberg, Germany (2013); **2.** European University Institute, Academy of European Law, Florence, Italy (2011)
- **Specialization courses**: **1.** The right to a fair trial in the European Court of Human Rights, Fair Trials International, Strasbourg, France (2012); **2.** Summer Course on Public International Law, Xiamen Academy of International Law, Xiamen, China (2010); **3.** Summer Course on German and European Law, Ludwig Maximilians Universität, Munich, Germany (2008); **4.** Specialization Course in International Criminal Law, International Institute for Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences, Syracuse, Italy (2007); **5.** Summer Course on Public International Law, The Hague Academy of International Law; The Hague, the Netherlands (2007); **6.** Summer University — Europe Between the Freedom of Culture and the Culture of Freedoms, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Faculty of Law, Sibiu, Romania (2007); **7.** The International Criminal Court — Status Quo and Future Challenges, organized by the Academy of European Law, Trier, Germany (2007), **8.** Summer Course on Human Rights Law, European University Institute, Academy of European Law, Florence, Italy (2006)

Professional activities

- **Academic experience**: **1.** Lecturer (Public International Law, Diplomatic Law, Humanitarian Law), 2008-present; **2.** Assistant Professor (Public International

Law, Romanian Constitutional Law), 2006-2008; **3.** Tutor (Public International Law, Romanian Constitutional Law), 2004-2006; **4.** Substitute Tutor (Public International Law, Romanian Constitutional Law), 2002-2004

All positions mentioned above were occupied at the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Faculty of Law

- **Legal profession experience**: **1.** Lawyer (labour law, family law), National Union of Romanian Bars Association, Sibiu Bar Association (2010-present); **2.** Legal adviser (labour law, commercial law) at Nina, Tacom, Icos Trading Ltd. Companies (2003-2004); **3.** Legal adviser (labour law, commercial law) at Al-Comsib Stock Company (2001-2003)

Current positions

- **Academic: Lecturer** (2008-present) — Public International Law, Diplomatic Law, Humanitarian Law — Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu, Faculty of Law; Co-Secretary of Law Review Acta Universitatis Lucian Blaga Iurisprudentia; Secretary of the Public Law Research Center; member of ADESTE
- **Legal profession: Lawyer** (2010-present) — labour law, family law, National Union of Romanian Bar Association, Sibiu Bar Association
- **Membership in Associations: Member** of the European Society of International Law (2008-present); European Criminal Law Association (2007-present); Association of Attendees and Alumni of The Hague Academy of International Law (2007-present); Member/Founder of the Legal Advisers College of Sibiu (2004-2010); Member of the Sibiu Bar Association (since September 2010); Consultative Committee of the Sibiu Local Agency for Employment (2001-present)

Publications

- **Books and articles**: Nine books (four of which in relation with the work of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, human rights in general and economic, social and cultural rights in particular); 65 articles, commentaries (25 of which in relation with the work of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, human rights in general and economic, social and cultural rights in particular), published in Romania (Wolters Kluwer Romania, CH. Beck, Hamangiu Publishing House), Italy (Aracne Roma Editrice), The Netherlands (Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, Brill), United Kingdom (in press)
- **Research interests** Public International Law; Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Minorities' Rights and Protection

Chandrashekhar Dasgupta (India)

Date and place of birth: 29 May 1940, Kolkata, India

Working languages: English, Spanish, Hindi and Bengali

Education: B.A. (with Honours), Delhi University

Professional activities

- Diplomatic career in the Indian Foreign Service from 1962 to 2000. Served as Ambassador to the European Union (1996-2000); Ambassador to China (1993-1996); High Commissioner to the United Republic of Tanzania (1983-1986); High Commissioner to Singapore (1981-1983); etc.
- Also served as Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (1988-1989); Vice-Chair of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund (1988-1989), etc.

Current positions

- Vice-Chair of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Member, Prime Minister's Council on Climate Change
- Distinguished Fellow, The Energy and Resources Institute, New Delhi

Publications

- Several book chapters and journal articles on environment and sustainable development issues bearing on economic, social and cultural rights

Olivier De Schutter (Belgium)

[Original: French]

Date and place of birth: 20 July 1968, Ixelles, Belgium

Working languages: French, English and Dutch

Current positions: United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to food (1 May 2008-1 May 2014); Professor of human rights, University of Louvain, Belgium and College of Europe, Poland; Visiting professor, Columbia University

Main professional activities

- Professor of human rights, University of Louvain (since 1999)
- Regular visiting professor at the following institutions: Columbia University (2008-2013), New York University (2004-2005), University of Abomey-Calavi (Cotonou, Benin) (1999-2005)
- Member of the Scientific Committee of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (2013-2018)
- Coordinator of the European Union Network of Independent Experts on Fundamental Rights (2002-2007)

Education

- Doctorate (Law), Catholic University of Louvain (1998)
- Master of Laws, Harvard University (1991)
- Bachelor's degree in law, Catholic University of Louvain and University of Paris 2-Assas (1990)
- Diploma, International Human Rights Institute, Strasbourg (1992) (cum laude)

Other main activities related to the Committee's mandate

- United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to food (2008-2013)
- General Secretary of the International Federation of Human Rights Leagues, on issues relating to economic globalization and human rights (2004-2008)
- Coordinator of the Academic Network on the European Social Charter (2006-2008)
- Coordinator of the European Union Network of Independent Experts on Fundamental Rights (2002-2007)

List of most recent publications in this area

I. Reports written as United Nations Special Rapporteur on the right to food

- During his mandate, the Special Rapporteur on the right to food submitted 15 reports on country missions and 11 thematic reports, including an introductory report in which he presented his agenda. His final report will be presented at the twenty-fifth session of the Human Rights Council. In addition,

the Special Rapporteur presented two reports on the food price crisis, in accordance with Human Rights Council resolution S-7/1, adopted at the special session on the food price crisis, held on 22 May 2008. Lastly, he presented seven briefing notes on various issues related to his mandate. All his contributions can be found at www.srfood.org/en.

II. Books

1. The European Social Charter. A Social Constitution for Europe, Bruylant, 2010
2. International Human Rights Law. Cases, Materials and Commentary, Cambridge University Press, 2010
3. Economic, Social and Cultural Rights as Human Rights (editor), Edward Elgar, 2013
4. Commentaire article par article du Pacte international relatif aux droits économiques, sociaux et culturels (Paris, Economica, 2014) (in press) (co-dir. E. Decaux)
5. Social Rights and Market Forces. Is the open coordination of employment and social policies the future of Social Europe? (co-ed. S. Deakin), Bruylant, 2005
6. Discriminations et marché du travail. Liberté et égalité dans les rapports d'emploi, P.I.E. Peter Lang, 2001
7. Ethnic Monitoring. The processing of racial and ethnic data in anti-discrimination policies: reconciling the promotion of equality with privacy rights, Brussels, Bruylant, 2010
8. Transnational Corporations and Human Rights, (editor), Hart Publ., 2006
9. L'économie politique de la faim. Garantir le droit à l'alimentation dans un contexte de ressources rares, not for sale, transcript of first lecture given at the École nationale supérieure d'Agriculture d'Angers, 2010
10. Accounting for Hunger. The Right to Food in the Era of Globalization, Hart Publishing, 2011
11. Foreign Direct Investment and Human Development, Routledge, London, 2012, 350 pages (co-ed. with Jan Wouters and Johan F. Swinnen)

III. Chapters and articles

- Professor De Schutter has published over 200 articles or chapters of works on various aspects of international human rights law, around 50 of them dealing specifically with economic and social rights.

Azzouz Kerdoun (Algeria)

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

- Date first elected: 1 January 2003
- Date term expires: 31 December 2014
- Position on Committee: Vice-Chairperson

Professional background

- Professor of public international law and political science
- Chairman of the Laboratory on the Maghreb and the Mediterranean
- Expert for various national and international human rights and environmental organizations
- Expert member of the High Algerian National Council of Environment and Sustainable Development
- Visiting professor at various universities around the world
- Chairman of the Constitutional Review Commission
- Twelve years of experience in the area of human rights with the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Expert-Rapporteur on various countries with the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- United Nations Mission in Haiti on human rights
- Expert and member of the working group on governance of the Mediterranean Sea

Scientific publications

- Six works in the area of international relations and over 80 articles in specialized magazines, in addition to speeches and lectures delivered at various forums

Titles and diplomas

- Baccalaureate, Académie de Paris (1969-1970)
- Bachelor's degree in public law, University of Constantine (1975)
- Certificate in human rights studies, International Centre of Human Rights, University of Strasbourg (1977)
- Master's degree in public international law, University of Montpellier (1979)
- Master's degree in political science, University of Montpellier (1981)
- Doctorate in public law, University of Montpellier (1981)
- Qualification as university lecturer in public law in French universities (2002)

Current positions

- Professor of public international law and political science at University of Constantine 1
- Chairman of the Laboratory on the Maghreb and the Mediterranean
- Chairman of the Constitutional Reform Commission of Algeria

Working languages

- Arabic, French and English

Distinctions and awards

- Nominated for the "Afrique — Méditerranée" award by the Association of French-language Writers for his work on Arab-African cooperation, entitled "*La coopération arabo-africaine. Dimensions et perspectives*", published in 1987
- Scientific merit award from the Constantine town council (2003)
- Nominated for membership in the Académie française des sciences d'outre-mer, (French Academy of Sciences for the Overseas Territories) Paris (2007)
- Human Rights Medal awarded by the Ombudsman of the Republic of Ukraine, Kiev (2008)

Jaime Marchán Romero (Ecuador)

Date and place of birth: 15 March 1947, Quito

Working languages: Spanish and English

Education: Social sciences, law and international law

Professional background

- Member (former Chairperson) of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- Professor of human rights at the Henry Dunant Institute
- Consultant and lecturer on human rights

Current positions

- Writer (2013 Joaquín Gallegos Lara National Literature Prize)
- Honorary member of the Hispano-Luso-American Institute of International Law
- Honorary member of the Ecuadorian Spanish Language Academy

Publications

- "El sentido de las obligaciones de los derechos económicos, sociales y culturales". *Revista AFESE*, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Quito,1998)
- "La justiciabilidad de los derechos económicos, sociales y culturales". Elaboración de estrategias para la promoción de los derechos económicos, sociales y culturales (Buenos Aires, 2001)
- "Los derechos económicos, sociales y culturales en el contexto de América Latina", paper presented at the seminar on human rights organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, Santiago, 2004
- "Hacia un Comentario General del Comité de Derechos Económicos, Sociales y Culturales sobre el derecho de toda persona a participar en la vida cultural (Artículo 15, párrafo 1 (a)) del Pacto Internacional de Derechos Económicos, Sociales y Culturales", general debate (Geneva, 2008)
- "El Protocolo Facultativo del Pacto Internacional de Derechos Económicos, Sociales y Culturales: contenido y alcance" (San José, Costa Rica, 16-17 December 2010)
- "La justiciabilidad de los derechos económicos, sociales y culturales: United Nations enfoque desde la experiencia iberoamericana". Seminar on human rights organized by the Iberoamerican Federation of Human Rights Defenders (Alcalá de Henares, 19 May 2011)
- "La protección de los derechos económicos, sociales y culturales en los sistemas europeo y universal de derechos humanos: algunas especificidades y

convergencias". International conference on human rights as a sign of identity in public policy (San Sebastián, 8-11 May 2011)

- "La responsabilidad de los Estados en la protección de los derechos económicos, sociales y culturales ante la globalización". Conference at the Faculty of Law of the University of Bilbao (Bilbao, 19 April 2012)

Renato Zerbini Ribeiro Leão (Brazil)

Date and place of birth: 24 October 1970, Brasilia, Federal District

Working languages: Portuguese, Spanish and English

Education

- PhD in international law and international relations, Autonomous University of Madrid (Universidad Autónoma de Madrid), 2008. Title of thesis: "Economic, social and cultural rights in Europe and America: a study of the jurisprudential framework of the European and inter-American systems of protection of human rights" Highest honours (summa cum laude). Completed on 13 June 2008
- Diploma, advanced studies in international law and international relations, José Ortega and Gasset University Research Institute and Autonomous University of Madrid (Instituto de Investigación Universitária José Ortega y Gasset y Universidad Autónoma de Madrid), 2006. Title of thesis: "Economic, social and cultural rights in the inter-American system of human rights following the adoption of the San Salvador Protocol". Completed on 22 June 2006
- Master's degree, International Relations, Political Science and International Relations Institute, University of Brasilia (Universidade de Brasília), 2000. Title of thesis: "A study of economic, social and cultural rights in Latin America since the adoption of the San Salvador Protocol". Completed in 2000
- Bachelor's degree in law, University Centre of Brasilia (Centro Universitário de Brasília), July 1995
- Bachelor's degree in international relations, University of Brasilia (Universidade de Brasília), December 1994

Current positions

- 1995 — present: Attorney: International protection of individuals; public international law; economic, social and cultural rights; constitutional law
- 2000 — present: Professor, Department of Juridical Sciences and Social Sciences, University Centre of Brasilia
- 2011-2014: Member and Vice-Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Professional activities

- 2009-2012: General Coordinator, National Committee for Refugees, Brazilian Ministry of Justice
- 2003-2004: Coordinator, international relations bachelor's degree programme, University Centre of Brasilia
- 1999-2004: Legal Consultant, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

- 2001-2004: Researcher and Professor, Institute of International Relations, University of Brasilia
- 1998-2003: Attorney, Alino & Roberto e Advogados (social, international and constitutional law)
- 1995-1998: Officer, Human Rights, Ethnicity and Indigenous Peoples Programme, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, San José, Costa Rica

Publications: several, including the following:

- The access of individuals to the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Universitas Relações Internacionais. Vol. 11, No. 1 (January/June 2013), pp. 29-38
- Human Rights as an essential element of contemporary international community in Revista del Instituto Interamericano de Derechos Humanos, No. 55, biannual. IIDH: San José de Costa Rica. ISSN: 1015-5074. January-June 2012, pp. 103-122
- *La Construcción Jurisprudencial de los Sistemas Europeo e Interamericano de Protección de los Derechos Humanos en Materia de Derechos Económicos, Sociales y Culturales. Porto Alegre: Núria Fabris Editora, 2009*
- *Memória anotada, comentada e jurisprudencial do Comitê Nacional para os Refugiados — CONARE. Brasília: Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 2007, 163 pages*
- *Os Rumos do Direito Internacional dos Direitos Humanos — Ensaios em Homenagem ao Professor Antônio Augusto Cançado Trindade. Porto Alegre: Sergio Antonio Fabris Editor, 2005. Coordenação da Obra. 6 volumes, 3437 pages*
- *Os direitos econômicos, sociais e culturais na América Latina e o Protocolo de San Salvador. Porto Alegre: Sergio Antonio Fabris Editor, 2001. 244 pages*

Askar Shakirov (Kazakhstan)

Date and place of birth: 2 February 1956, Kazakhstan

Working languages: Russian, Kazakh, English and Chinese

Education

- 1978: Moscow State University (The Institute of Asian and African Studies)
- 1984: Interior Ministry Academy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (postgraduate)
- 1984: Candidate of law science

Professional activities

- 1978-1992: Officer of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Moscow (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
- 1992: Head of the Treaty Law Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- 1992-1995: Deputy chief, chief of the Treaty Law Directorate of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan
- 1995-1996: Chargé d'Affaires of Kazakhstan to the Republic of Korea, Seoul
- 1996: Ambassador-at-Large of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan
- 1996-1998: Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan
- 1998-2004: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Kazakhstan to India (Delhi)
- 2004-2006: Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan 2006-2007, Chair of the Customs Control Committee of the Finance Ministry of Kazakhstan
- 2007-present: Commissioner for Human Rights — Ombudsman in Kazakhstan, member of the Council on Legal Policy under the President of Kazakhstan, member of the Commission of Pardons under the President of Kazakhstan

Current position

- Commissioner for Human Rights in Kazakhstan

Publications

- More than 25 national publications

Heisoo Shin (Republic of Korea)

Date and place of birth: 23 June 1950, Gyeonggi Province, Republic of Korea

Working languages: English and Korean

Education

- Ph.D. in Sociology, Rutgers — State University of New Jersey, United States of America (1991)
- Master's degree in sociology, Ewha Womans University (1976)
- Bachelor's degree in English language and literature, Ewha Womans University (1972)

Current positions

- Visiting Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Ewha Womans University, Seoul
- Representative, Korea Center for United Nations Human Rights Policy
- Member, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Professional activities

- Member, Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights since 2011
- Member (and Vice-Chair for 2003-2004), Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women for the terms 2001-2004 and 2005-2008
- Commissioner, National Human Rights Commission of Korea (2005-2008)
- Member of the International Advisory Committee for the United Nations Secretary-General's In-Depth Study on All Forms of Violence against Women (2005-2006)
- Member of United Nations High-Level Mission to Afghanistan (August 2006)
- Representative, Korean Council for the Women Drafted for Military Sexual Slavery by Japan (2004-2007)

Academic experiences

- Adjunct Professor, Graduate School of International Studies, Ewha Womans University (2008-2012)
- Professor, Faculty of Social Welfare, Hanil University and Presbyterian Theological Seminary (1993-2000)

Publications

- Situations of Gender Discrimination in Colleges and Measures for Change, policy development research, Ministry of Education, 2000
- Political Economy of the Entertainment Industry in Korea, translated by KIM Jo Sul, Tokyo: Shinkansha, 1997
- Letting Daughter-in-Law Do the Bibimbap Dishwashing While Letting Daughter Do the Nulenbap Dishwashing?, Press 21, 1996 (co-authorship)

Rodrigo Uprimny Yepes (Colombia)

Date and place of birth: 13 April 1959, Bogota, Colombia

Summary

- Colombian Lawyer, Ph.D. in Political Economy at the University of Amiens Picardie, DSU (master degree) in Sociology of Law at the University of Paris 2, and "Diplôme d'Études Approfondies" EA (Master's Degree) in Economy of Development at the University of Paris 1 (Institut d'étude du développement économique et social). Currently, he is Director of the Center of Studies on Law, Justice and Development "Dejusticia", and professor of Constitutional Law, Human Rights, and Theory of the State at the Universidad Nacional, in Bogota. He is a member of the International Commission of Jurists. He has been visiting scholar at the American University (Washington, D.C., United States), the University of Grenoble (France) and Utrecht University (the Netherlands). He was Deputy Justice of the Colombian Constitutional Court. He is author of numerous books and articles on human rights, constitutional law, tensions between law and economics, social rights, the judicial system and transitional justice. Some of his publications in English are: "The Constitutional Court and Control of Presidential Extraordinary Powers in Colombia" (2003) in Siri Glippen, Roberto Gargarella and Elin Skaar (Eds). Democratization and the Judiciary: London, Frank Cass; "The Enforcement of Social Rights by the Colombian Constitutional Court: Cases and Debates" (2006) in Roberto Gargarella, Pilar Domingo and Theunis Roux (Eds). Courts and Social Transformation in New Democracies: An Institutional Voice for the Poor? Ashgate. With Maria Paula Saffon, "Uses and Abuses of Transitional Justice Discourse in Colombia" in PRIO Policy Brief, (2008); "Transformative reparations of massive gross human rights violations: between corrective and distributive justice" in the Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights, (2009) Vol. 27 No. 4; With Maria Paula Saffon. "Report on Colombia" in Cherif Bassiouni (ed.) The pursuit of International Criminal Justice: A World Study on Conflicts, Victimization and Post-conflict Justice. Antwerp, Intersentia, 2010 "The Recent Transformation of Constitutional Law in Latin America: Trends and Challenges", 89 Texas L. Rev. 1587 (2011).

Languages

- Spanish: Native
- French and English: Fluent reading, writing and speaking
- Portuguese and Italian: Fluent reading

Academic training

- Ph.D. in Political Economy from the University of Amiens, Picardie (with Honours), 1992 Doctoral thesis: État, accumulation et légitimité: analyse théorique et interprétation du "Front National" (State, Accumulation and Legitimacy: theoretical analysis and interpretation of the "National Front")
- DSU (master) in sociology of law, University of Paris 2 (cum laude) (1986)

- "Diplôme d'études approfondies" (master) in socioeconomy of development. University of Paris 1 (Institut d'études sur le développement économique et social), (cum laude) (1985)
- Juris Doctor, Universidad Externado de Colombia (1984)

Professional experience

- Founding Member of the Center for the Study of Law, Justice and Society (Dejusticia) and Executive Director (since 2005)
- Professor at the Faculty of Law, National University of Colombia, (since 1993)
- Director of the Master's programme on law. Universidad Nacional de Colombia (2005-2008)
- Director of the Certificate programme on constitutional law. Faculty of Law. Universidad Nacional de Colombia (Bogota) (1999-2005)
- Deputy Justice. Colombian constitutional court (1994-2004)
- Human rights advocate, lawyer and researcher in Human Rights at the Colombian Commission of Jurists (non-governmental organization) (1989-1993)
- Consultant on subjects of violence, citizen participation, resolution of conflicts and justice, United Nations Development Programme
- Plan Nacional de Rehabilitación, Colombia (May 1993-December 1993)

Distinctions

Honour fellowship to the Best Student. Faculty of Law. Universidad Externado de Colombia (Bogota) (1979-1983)

- Fellowship for Postgraduate Studies. "Concurso del Centenario de la Constitución de 1886". Colombia's Central Bank (1984)
- First Place. "Concurso sobre la influencia de la Declaración Universal de los Derechos Humanos en Colombia" Autonoma University. 1989
- Special Award of the National University for academic excellence in 2006 and 2012
- Simón Bolivar national award of journalism for best opinion in 2013

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Education

- Inter-American System of Human Rights, DePaul University, International Human Rights Law Institute, Jeanne and Joseph Sullivan Programme for Human Rights in the Americas (Inter-American Legal Clinic), Chicago, United States, 1999
- Human Rights, Distance State University, Costa Rica, 2008 (master — academic plan completed)
- Bachelor of laws, University of Costa Rica, 2005 (second university degree)
- International Human Rights Law and Refugees Law, University of Oxford, New College, Oxford, United Kingdom, 2002 (Programme co-organized with the George Washington University)
- Bachelor of laws and legal sciences, University of El Salvador, 2001 (first university degree)

Professional activities

A. Main activities

- Under-Secretary for Social Inclusion of the Presidency of the Republic, El Salvador (2009-2013)
- Manager and Team Leader of the Executive Unit of the Project "Ciudad Mujer" (2009-2013)
- Legal adviser in creating and formulating the document "Draft of the Inter-American Convention Against Racism and All Form of Discrimination and Intolerance" (2008)
- Legal adviser in drawing up and formulating the document "Draft of the Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Working Document" (2007)

B. University teaching activities

- International Protection of Human Rights (Invited Professor), University of Guanajuato, Postgraduate Programme on Public Policies and Human Rights, Mexico (2008-2009)
- Public International Law, University of Costa Rica, Faculty of Law (2006-2008)
- Political Aspects of Constitutional Law, University of Costa Rica, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Political Sciences (2007-2008)

- Seminar on Political Aspects of International Law and International Relations, University of Costa Rica, Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Political Sciences (2007-2008)
- Constitutional Law, José Simeón Cañas Central-American University — Faculty of human and natural sciences, Department of law, El Salvador (2002-2004)

C. Activities in the international systems of human rights

- State representative before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, in the context of public general hearings on the national situation of transgender people human rights and on the national situation on judiciary independency and rule of law, Washington (October 2013)
- State representative before the Committee on the Rights of the Child of the United Nations in the context of the public presentation of the third and fourth Periodic Report of El Salvador under the Convention on the Rights of the Child and of the first Periodic Report of El Salvador under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, Geneva (January 2010)
- Inter alia

Current positions

- 2001-present: Attorney-at-law in human rights law, both in national and international systems
- 2001-present: Legal adviser in human rights law, international law and public law

Publications

A. Books

- Judicial Effectiveness of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Inter-American System; Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, March 2009 (Spanish only)

B. Specialized articles

- Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Costa Rica in The Judicial Protection of Social Rights, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights of Ecuador (Christian Courtis and Ramiro Ávila Santamaría, eds.), October 2009 (Spanish only)
- Inter alia in the social media and human rights (ombudsman) matters

Membership and honours

- American Society of International Law, regular member since 2008

Distinguished Visitor, University of Cincinnati, Urban Morgan Institute for Human Rights (2003)